



# Congresswoman Betty McCollum

## Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

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## Resources for Military Personal, Veterans and Families

Links available on Congresswoman McCollum's website: <http://mccollum.house.gov>

### Federal Government Resources

#### Veterans

- [Veterans Information Portal](https://vip.vba.va.gov/portal/VBAH/Home) – US Department of Veterans Affairs (https://vip.vba.va.gov/portal/VBAH/Home)
- [US Department of Veterans Affairs](http://www.va.gov/) (http://www.va.gov/)  
A database where you can [find and download any VA form](#)
  - [The St. Paul VA Regional Office \(VARO\)](#): 1-800-827-1000
  - [The Minneapolis VA Medical Center](#): 612-725-2000 or 1-800-414-5058
  - St. Paul Veteran Resource Center: 651-644-4022  
550 County Road D, Suite 10  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
(Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for family members for military related issues. All services are provided at no cost to the veteran or family. [Click here for the national Vet Centers page.](#))
  - [Military OneSource](#) - 1-800-342-9647
  - [VA's Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) - 1-800-273-TALK
- [All Education Benefits provided by the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](http://gibill.va.gov/) (http://gibill.va.gov/)
- [VA Facilities Locator](http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1) (http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1)
- [Center for Women Veterans](http://www.va.gov/womenvet/) (http://www.va.gov/womenvet/)
- [Women's Health – VA](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/) (http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/)
- [OEF-OIF Returning Service Members and Veterans – VA](http://www.oefoif.va.gov/) (http://www.oefoif.va.gov/)
- [Help for Homeless Veterans 1-877- 4AID VET \(877-424-3838\)](http://www.va.gov/homeless/) (http://www.va.gov/homeless/)

## Military Personnel

- [Service Members Civil Relief Act](http://www.justice.gov/crt/spec_topics/military/scra.php)  
([http://www.justice.gov/crt/spec\\_topics/military/scra.php](http://www.justice.gov/crt/spec_topics/military/scra.php))
- [Service Members Civil Relief Act PDF](http://ra.defense.gov/documents/mobil/pdf/scra.pdf)  
(<http://ra.defense.gov/documents/mobil/pdf/scra.pdf>)
- [Military One Source](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=MOS:HOME:0)  
(<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=MOS:HOME:0>)
- [Military HomeFront](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/)  
(<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>)
- [Family Matters – DOD](http://afps.dodlive.mil)  
(<http://afps.dodlive.mil>)
- [White House: Joining Forces Initiative](http://www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces/)  
(<http://www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces/>)
- [Transition Assistance – TurboTap](http://www.turbotap.org/register.tpp)  
(<http://www.turbotap.org/register.tpp>)
- [Federal Voting Assistance](http://www.fvap.gov/) – *Voting assistance for service members and their families serving outside the United States*  
(<http://www.fvap.gov/>)
- [TRICARE](http://www.tricare.mil/)  
(<http://www.tricare.mil/>)
- [Defense Finance and Accounting Service \(DFAS\)](http://www.dfas.mil/)  
(<http://www.dfas.mil/>)

## Federal Employment Resources

- **New White House Veteran Employment Initiatives** (released 11/7/2011):
  - [National Resource Directory](https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/) - *The National Resource Directory (NRD) provides access to services and resources at the national, state and local levels that support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration.*  
(<https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/>)
  - [My Next Move](http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/) - *Allows veterans to enter information about their experience and skills in the field, and match with civilian careers that put that experience to use.*  
(<http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>)
  - [US Department of Labor Gold Card](http://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html) – *The Gold Card provides unemployed post-9/11 era veterans with the intensive and follow-up services they need to succeed in today's job market.*  
(<http://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html>)
- [Recovery & Employment Assistance Lifelines Information Page](http://www.dol.gov/vets/REALifelines/index.htm)  
(<http://www.dol.gov/vets/REALifelines/index.htm>)
- [Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act \(USERRA\)](http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/main.htm)  
(<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/main.htm>)
- [US Department of Veterans Affairs Jobs](http://www.va.gov/jobs/)  
(<http://www.va.gov/jobs/>)
- [Feds Hire Vets](http://www.fedshirevets.gov)  
([www.fedshirevets.gov](http://www.fedshirevets.gov))
- [Department of Labor](http://www.dol.gov/VETS/) – *Department of Labor's webpage for veterans*  
([www.dol.gov/VETS/](http://www.dol.gov/VETS/))

- [Troops to Teachers](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/TTT/TTT_Main.html) – Provides Counseling and Referral services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher  
([http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/TTT/TTT\\_Main.html](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/TTT/TTT_Main.html))
- [USA Jobs for Veterans](http://www.usajobs.gov/Veterans)  
(<http://www.usajobs.gov/Veterans>)
- [Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve](http://www.esgr.org/site/)  
(<http://www.esgr.org/site/>)
- [Department of Labor Veterans Preference Advisory](http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm)  
(<http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm>)
- [Department of the Navy: Civilian Human Resources](http://www.public.navy.mil/DONHR/employment/CivJobOpps/pages/AllAboutYou.aspx)  
(<http://www.public.navy.mil/DONHR/employment/CivJobOpps/pages/AllAboutYou.aspx>)

### State of Minnesota Resources

- [MN Department of Veterans Affairs Programs](http://www.mdva.state.mn.us/stateprgms.htm)  
(<http://www.mdva.state.mn.us/stateprgms.htm>)
- [Minnesota Veteran One Stop Website](http://www.minnesotaveteran.org/)  
(<http://www.minnesotaveteran.org/>)
- **Veterans Linkage Line: 1-888-LinkVet (1-888-546-5838)**  
*LinkVet is a toll-free, one-stop customer service line for all Minnesota veterans.*
- [Guide for Military Service Personal and Veterans – MN Attorney General](http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Brochures/pubVeteranAndServiceMemberAssistance.pdf)  
(<http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Brochures/pubVeteranAndServiceMemberAssistance.pdf>)
- [Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans \(MAC-V\)](http://mac-v.org)  
(<http://mac-v.org>)
- [Minnesota Higher Education Veterans Programs](https://mymilitaryeducation.org/)  
(<https://mymilitaryeducation.org/>)
- [BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON](http://www.btyr.org/)  
(<http://www.btyr.org/>)
- [Minnesota Department of Education](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/About_MDE/Military_Fam_Res/index.html) – Military Family Resources  
([http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/About\\_MDE/Military\\_Fam\\_Res/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/About_MDE/Military_Fam_Res/index.html))
- [County Veterans Service Offices](http://www.macvso.org/cvso.html)  
(<http://www.macvso.org/cvso.html>)  
*Every county in Minnesota has a County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) to assist you, your dependents and your survivors. These are the offices in the Fourth District:*
  - [Dakota County](http://www.dakotacounty.org/) 651-554-5601
  - [Ramsey County](http://www.ramseycounty.org/) 651-266-8489
  - [Washington County](http://www.washingtoncounty.org/) 651-430-6895

### Minnesota Employment Resources

- [Veterans Employment Services](http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/JobSeekers/Veterans/)  
(<http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/JobSeekers/Veterans/>)
- [MN Department of Veterans Affairs Job Resources](http://www.mdva.state.mn.us/extras/jobresources.html)  
(<http://www.mdva.state.mn.us/extras/jobresources.html>)
- [Beyond the Yellow Ribbon](http://www.btyr.org/)  
(<http://www.btyr.org/>)